

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SOVEREIGN BANCORP, INC.; et al.

Plaintiffs,

V.

JOHN H. HARLAND COMPANY,

Defendant

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 04-11631-EFH

**ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR FILING OPPOSITION TO  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

Defendant John H. Harland Company (“Harland”) hereby requests an extension until September 8, 2004 to file its brief in opposition to plaintiffs’ Motion to Dismiss Defendant John H. Harland’s Counterclaims (its “Opposition”). As grounds for this motion, Harland states that due to scheduling difficulties, additional time is needed to complete its Opposition. This case is in its inception. No hearing or trial has been scheduled. Therefore, no party will suffer prejudice if the extension is allowed.

Plaintiffs assent to this motion.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Dated: August 31, 2004

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Steven J. Buttacavoli, hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon counsel for the plaintiffs, Lee M. Holland, Robinson & Cole LLP, One Boston Place, Boston, MA 02108 by first class mail on August 31, 2004.

**LOCAL RULE 7.1(a)(2) CERTIFICATE**

I, Steven J. Buttacavoli, hereby certify that, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(a)(2), counsel for the John H. Harland Company has conferred with counsel for the plaintiffs for the purpose of obtaining their consent to file this motion.

/s/ Steven J. Buttacavoli

Steven J. Buttacavoli